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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The attached documents were cited in an opposition to a corresponding European patent.

U.S. Patent 5,936,044 relates to films based on polyamide and on polymers containing polyamide blocks and polyether blocks.

DE 29 50 182 relates to flexible films for the packing and encasement of paste-like foods, in particular sausage and cheese.

EP 0 467 039 relates to multi-layer flexible film packing wrappers.

EP 0 476 963 relates to polymeric blends containing block poly(ether-co-amide).

EP 0 560 630 relates to bicomponent polymeric films containing block poly(ether-co-amides).

EP 0 737 709 relates to thermoplastic polymer films comprising polyamide blocks and polyether blocks.

JP 4-314741 relates to polyamide films.

An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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